

Remarks/Arguments

This case has been reviewed and analyzed in view of the Official Action dated 2 July 2007. Claims 1-22 have been filed in this case and such claims are now pending.

The Examiner has objected to Claim 10 to correct a typographical error which has now been made by this Amendment.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-8 and 10-21 under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by the article entitled "Enhanced Testing of Domain Specific Applications by Automatic Extraction of Axioms from Functional Specifications". The article was published in November 2004 at the proceedings of the 14th International Symposium on Software Reliability Engineering.

The authors of the article are Avik Sinha; Carol Scmidts; and Andrew Adams-Moran.

Avik Sinha and Carol Scmidts are the inventors of the above-referenced patent application.

Andrew Adams-Moran was an author of the paper, however, was not an inventor of the subject matter claimed in the above-referenced patent application.

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Attached to this Amendment is a Declaration of Andrew Adams-Moran indicating that he has reviewed the claims of the patent application and has found that he is not one of the inventors of the claimed subject matter.

Thus, since the patent application was filed at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on 13 April 2004 within one year of the publication, it is not believed that the article cited by the Examiner is proper prior art under 35 USC 102(a).

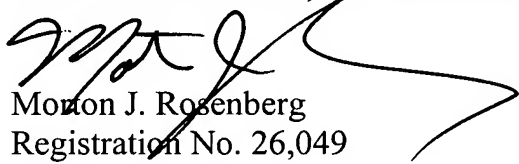
Thus, it is believed that Claims 1-8 and 10-21 are patentable in light of the subject article.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 9 and 22 under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the Sinha publication when taken in combination with the Koza et al. Patent 5,343,554 reference. It is believed that the Sinha publication has removed as applicable prior art and thus, it is believed that Claims 9 and 22 are patentable over the prior art cited by the Examiner.

It is now believed that the subject patent application has been placed in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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